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N. H. POOR, TOWN CLERK.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

IN presenting their Sixteenth Annual Report, the Trustees have little to add to what is contained in the report of their Treasurer, and in the report of the Lyceum and Library Committee, with its accompanying documents, all of which are herewith submitted.

Owing to the work upon the Institute Building, which, from unforeseen obstacles and by unavoidable delays, has been extended over a much longer period of time than was anticipated, the regular operations of the Institute for the year have been seriously interfered with, the usual course of Lectures having been altogether suspended and considerable encroachment made upon the accustomed use of the Library. This partial deprivation of the privileges our community has so long and uninterruptedly enjoyed, while it has been patiently ac-

quiesced in, has been sensibly felt,—but perhaps it will prove not to have been without its good influences. The occasional withholding of common and familiar comforts, the temporary want of blessings “which by daily use have almost lost their sense,” are sometimes needed to give a healthier appetite and a keener relish as well for intellectual and moral as for material enjoyments ;—and while it is undeniably true, that among all classes of our people there has been from the first an intelligent appreciation of the manifold benefits conferred by the Institution planted in their midst, yet now is there, and will there continue to be, felt, a still higher appreciation of its priceless advantages, of its admirable adaptation to the better demands of our social life, and a more realizing and ever deepening sense of the unmeasured and immeasurable good it is destined to confer upon the present and future generations.

The work of enlargement and reconstruction is now nearly completed. The Lecture Hall is finished, so as to admit of use,—the main Library will be ready for occupancy in the course of a few weeks, as will also the room set apart for the Sutton Reference Library, and the Strong Room for the safe custody of the Queen’s picture and other valuables will be in condition to receive its rare deposits as soon as a little further time shall have properly seasoned the heavy masonry which encases its iron and steel safes. In the meanwhile the outside work will have been done, the fences and grounds put in order, and before early summer everything will be in its

place, and the whole Institute in complete working order. A detailed statement of the extensive changes and additions which have been made, would hardly seem to be required in this Report, as substantially they were set forth *in prospect* in the Report of last year, and as actual inspection will supply to each citizen better information than any written description could furnish. Of their character and effect, perhaps others than those who planned and superintended the work will be the better judges. But the Trustees feel a good degree of confidence, that in the careful adaptation of means to ends, in fitness of structure and harmony of proportions, in thoroughness and durability of workmanship, in due regard for taste and beauty so far as compatible with economy and utility, and in securing for each department of the Institute suitable accommodation alike for present and future wants, their efforts have not been without some measure of success, and will meet, they trust, the views and wishes of Mr. Peabody, and the approval of the public.

In our last Report it was stated, as the result of estimates most carefully made, that the cost of the improvements contemplated would not exceed the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars. The actual cost of what was then intended to be done will probably be just about that sum. But in the progress of the work, certain variations from and additions to the plans which had been adopted commended themselves with a force not to be resisted, especially the raising and panelling of the ceiling of the

Lecture Hall, and the erection of a portico on the front of the building. Of the wisdom of either of these changes it is believed that there can be now no reasonable question. As to the first, the effect is, to give us one of the finest and most beautiful Auditoriums to be found in Massachusetts. As regards the increased expenditure occasioned by these and other modifications of the original designs, the Trustees are assured by a Committee of the Board having this matter specially in charge, that it will not exceed Five Thousand Dollars,—making the total cost of the entire work about Forty-five Thousand Dollars. Should this prove to be the fact, a great and much needed improvement will have been accomplished within an outlay by no means disproportionate or extravagant. The Special Committee before referred to, have given to the work their most careful and constant attention, and deserve from all their townsmen the same grateful acknowledgments which are most freely accorded them by their associates. They have been animated throughout by one single aim,—(and they have had the cheerful and zealous co-operation of their accomplished architect, Mr. Bryant,) lavishing nothing for mere ornament or display, having primary regard to utility and convenience,—to do that which within their means would best subserve the purposes and objects of the Founder of the Institute, and at the same time have the material expression, the external embodiment of those purposes and objects, a not unfitting monument to his name and fame.

And now the Peabody Institute begins a new era, and enters upon a larger sphere of usefulness. With increased resources come fresh demands and higher duties. It is hardly possible at this time to indicate the precise mode in which these demands are to be met and these duties performed. The suggestion made in the accompanying report of the chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee, that the Library should be opened upon more days of the week than hitherto, for the delivery of books, and more particularly for the reading of and reference to such periodical and other works as cannot well have outside circulation, is one which has probably occurred to all who have thought upon the subject, and its importance imperatively demands some early and decisive action. So, too, it is apparent, that some further provision must be made for additional oral instruction and entertainment, particularly for courses of lectures upon practical science and art. The Committee whose more immediate duty it is to manage and direct these departments of the Institute, will undoubtedly give to this whole matter prompt and due consideration, assured, as they may be, that they will have the cordial encouragement and hearty co-operation of the Trustees. But not alone must those holding official positions of trust take an interest and exercise an influence in promoting the prosperity and success of the Institute. Every citizen has his part in the work. It comes home to each man, and woman, and child. The Institute will grow in strength, it will increase in honor, it will triumph in

usefulness and blessing, according as its rich means are eagerly sought and conscientiously availed of and enjoyed, and as all its benign influences are manifested in that higher mental, and moral, and social culture which are its true end and aim. In this way only shall we do justice to ourselves and those who are to come after us, manifest becoming gratitude to our generous benefactors, and rightly subserve the great cause of Knowledge and Morality to which they have so nobly dedicated their bounty.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Trustees,

ALFRED A. ABBOTT, PRESIDENT.

SOUTH DANVERS, March 16, 1868.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Treasurer.

| | | Dr. |
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| 1867. | | |
| March | 30, To paid D. S. Galeucia, for rocks, | \$6 75 |
| April | 1, To paid Lyceum and Library Committee's draft, | 200 00 |
| | To paid Insurance at Merchant's Office on Hall, \$5,000, | 25 00 |
| | To paid Ins. at Merchant's Office on Library, \$5,000, | 37 50 |
| | To paid Insurance at Neptune Office on Library, \$1,000, | 7 50 |
| | To paid Insurance at Neptune Office on Hall, \$5,000, | 25 00 |
| | To paid four Aqueduct bills for dwelling houses, | 8 00 |
| | 6, To paid gas bill, | 26 40 |
| | 18, To paid Howard, printing Secretary's blanks, | 6 00 |
| | 22, To paid Whidden, glazing, | 1 86 |
| | 26, To paid Ins. to Neptune Office on Library Piano, | |
| | &c., \$1,300—\$9 75 | |
| | To paid Ins. to Franklin Office on Bust &c., 1,700—12 75 | |
| | | 22 50 |
| May | 9, To paid Photograph and frame of George Peabody's reception at Danvers, | 4 50 |
| | | 7 60 |
| July | 3, To paid gas bill, | 3 00 |
| | 11, To paid Aqueduct for dwelling houses, 2 mos. to July 1st, | 1,400 00 |
| | 17, To paid Lyceum and Library Committee's draft, | |
| Sept. | 21, To paid Hills part payment for repairs and enlargement by kitchen to brick house, | 100 00 |
| | 27, To paid J. H. Teague, janitor, 1 yr. to July, '67—\$200 00 | |
| | For charcoal, | 9 00 |
| | To labor on grounds, | 17 25 |
| | Brush and small items, | 2 62 |
| | | 228 87 |
| Octr. | 9, To paid gas for three months, | 3 60 |
| Nov. | 9, To paid Hills, carpenter, balance in full, repairs and enlargement brick house, | 274 76 |
| | 19, To paid Insurance to Neptune Co., 3 mos. to Nov. 16, | |
| | 1867, while reconstructing, | \$60 |
| | To paid Insurance to Neptune Co., 3 mos. to Feb. 16, | |
| | 1868, while reconstructing, | 50 |
| | | 100 00 |
| | 23, To paid Thomas Pinnock, repairs of slate on Hall, | 24 12 |
| 1868. | | |
| Jan'y | 6, To paid Elliott for labor and water in front of buildings and Hall, | 12 00 |
| | 7, To paid Whidden, painter on wooden house, | 43 39 |
| | To paid gas bill, two meters, \$4 80—\$2 40, | 7 20 |
| | To paid Insurance Policy at Franklin Co., | \$30 00 |
| | To paid Ins. Policy at Manufacturer's Co., | 15 00 |
| | | 45 00 |
| | <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | \$2,620 05 |

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| <i>Amount brought up,</i> | | \$2,620 05 |
| 18, To paid Bancroft, mason, whitewash on brick house, | | 4 65 |
| 20, To paid Lyceum and Library Committee's draft | | 1,400 00 |
| 22, To paid Aqueduct Co. 4 bills 6 mos. to Jan. 1st, | | 10 00 |
| Feb. 3, To paid S. Trask, mason, on wooden house, | \$5 00 | |
| on brick house, | 3 15 | |
| Institute Hall, | 3 10 | |
| | | 11 25 |
| To paid J. H. Teague as janitor, 3 mos. to Oct. | \$50 00 | |
| sundries, | 8 37 | |
| labor on brick house, | 5 00 | |
| brooms, tubs, &c, | 3 31 | |
| cotton cloth—Morrison. | 2 43 | |
| 15 bushels charcoal, | 7 50 | |
| | | 76 61 |
| 19, To paid Neptune Ins. Co. policy, | | 21 25 |
| 26, To paid amts. of enlargement of Institute, acct. to Feb. | | |
| 13th, as per statement herewith, | | 30,264 65 |
| To paid postage and revenue stamps, and some express | | |
| messages, &c., | | 5 00 |
| Balance to new account, | | 3,451 04 |
| | | <u>\$37,865 00</u> |

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with George Osborne, Treas.

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| 1867. | | | Cr. |
| March 1, | By balance from last account, | | 184 90 |
| 14, | By town of South Danvers, 6 mos. interest on note of \$7,000, at 7 3-10 per ct., to March 12, 1867, | | 255 50 |
| April | By rent of D. Woodbury 3 mos. to April 1, | \$52 00 | |
| | By rent of D. P. Grosvenor, 3 mos. to April 1, | 37 50 | |
| | By rent of D. R. Galloup 3 mos. to April 1, | 37 50 | |
| | | | 127 00 |
| May 21, | By cash on sales of Nos. 389 and 390 Mass. 5 per ct. bonds, \$1000 at 100½, | \$1007 50 | |
| | 1000 at 100, | 1000 00 | |
| | | <u>2,007 50</u> | |
| | Commissions at ½, | 5 00 | |
| | Tax 1-10 | 2 05 | 7 05 |
| | | | <u>2,000 45</u> |
| | Add interest from Jan. 1st to date, 20th, | | 38 88 |
| | | | <u>2,039 33</u> |
| | <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | | <u>\$2,606 73</u> |

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| | <i>Amount brought up,</i> | | 2,606 73 |
| June | By cash on sales of Nos. 391, 392, 393, Mass. 5 per ct. bonds, \$3000 at 100 | \$3,000 00 | |
| | Interest 5 mos. 3 days on date of sale | 63 75 | |
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| | | 3,063 75 | |
| | Commissions $\frac{1}{4}$, | 7 50 | |
| | Tax 1-10, | 3 06— | 10 56 |
| | | <hr/> | 3,053 19 |
| | 8 By dividend on 3 shares Warren National Bank, | | 15 00 |
| July | 10, By cash on sales of Nos. 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, Mass. bonds, \$5,000, at 100 $\frac{1}{4}$ | \$5,025 00 | |
| | Interest 4 days on day of sale from 1st, | 2 77 | |
| | | <hr/> | 5,027 77 |
| | Commissions $\frac{1}{4}$, | 12 50 | |
| | Tax 1-10, | 5 03— | 17 53 |
| | | <hr/> | 5,010 24 |
| | 16, By cash on sales of Nos. 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, Mass. 5 per ct. bonds, \$5,000 at 100 $\frac{3}{4}$, | \$5,037 50 | |
| | Int. 15 days from 1st July to date of sale, | 10 41 | |
| | | <hr/> | 5,047 91 |
| | Commissions $\frac{1}{4}$, | 12 50 | |
| | Tax 1-10, | 5 05— | 17 55 |
| | | <hr/> | 5,080 36 |
| | 17, By cash on sales of coupons from bonds (394 to 488 inclusive) 95 coupons at \$25, | \$2,375 00 | |
| | Premium for gold at 38 $\frac{1}{4}$, | 920 31 | |
| | | <hr/> | 3,295 31 |
| | 29, By rent of D. Woodbury, \$52 00, Galloup \$37 50, Grosvenor \$37 50, 3 mos. to July 1st, | | 127 00 |
| Aug. | 27, By cash on sales Nos. 404 to 408 inclusive, Mass. 5 per ct. bonds, \$5,000 00 at 104 $\frac{1}{4}$, | \$5,225 00 | |
| | Interest 1 mo. 19 dys. | 34 02 | |
| | | <hr/> | 5,259 02 |
| | Commissions $\frac{1}{4}$, | 12 50 | |
| | Tax 1-10, | 5 26— | 17 76 |
| | | <hr/> | 5,241 26 |
| | 31, By cash on sales of Nos. 409 to 413 inclusive, Mass. 5 per ct. bonds, \$5,000 at 104 $\frac{1}{4}$, | \$5,243 75 | |
| | Interest 1 mo. 27 days to date of sale | 40 97 | |
| | | <hr/> | 5,284 72 |
| | Commissions $\frac{1}{4}$, | 12 50 | |
| | Tax 1-10, | 5 28— | 17 78 |
| | | <hr/> | 5,266 94 |
| | <i>Amount carried forward,</i> | | \$29,646 03 |

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| <i>Amount brought up,</i> | | \$29,646 03 |
| Sept. 27, | By rent of Hall per Teague, | 8 00 |
| | By town of South Danvers int. on \$3000, note to April 28, 1867, | 90 00 |
| | By town of South Danvers int. on \$7000, note to September 12, 1867, | 210 00 |
| Nov. 12, | By town of South Danvers int. on \$3000, note to October 28, 1867, | 90 00 |
| 15, | By dividend on 3 shares Warren National Bank, 1868. | 15 00 |
| Jan. 9, | By cash on sales of coupons from bonds (Nos. 414 to 448 inclusive) 75 coupons at 25, | \$1875 00 |
| | Premium on the gold at 133, | 618 75 |
| | | 2,493 75 |
| 11, | By cash on sale of coupons from U. S. 10-40 bonds, No. 10482 and No. 10483, High School medal fund, 2 at 25 | \$50 00 |
| | Premium on gold at 37½, | 18 87 |
| | | 68 87 |
| 20, | By cash on sale of Nos. 414 to 418 Mass. 5 per cent. bonds, inclusive, \$5000 at 105, | \$5,250 00 |
| | Interest 16 days to day of sale, | 11 11 |
| | | 5,261 11 |
| | Commissions ¼, | 12 50 |
| | Tax 1-10, | 5 26 |
| | | 17 76 |
| | | 5,243 35 |
| | | \$37,865 00 |

E. E. SOUTH DANVERS, Feb. 26, 1868.

GEO. OSBORNE,

Treasurer of Trustees of Peabody Institute.

P. S. March 25th, 1868. The agent who has usually collected the rents and paid bills for repairs, omitted to settle his account at the end of the financial year, though there was a balance in his favor; the rents therefore for the last six months to Jan. 1st do not appear. His account has now been settled. Rents \$257 25.

G. O.

PERMANENT FUNDS OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE, VIZ :

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| 1st, Town of So. Danvers, promissory note dated March 12, 1858, | \$7,000 00 |
| 2d, Town of So. Danvers, promissory note dated April 28, 1858, | 3,000 00 |
| 3d, Three shares in Warren National Bank, | 300 00 |
| 4th, 70 Massachusetts coast defence 5 per cent. gold bearing bonds, of \$1,000 each, at original appraisement of \$997 $\frac{1}{2}$ each, | 69,842 50 |
| 5th, Real Estate, comprising two dwelling houses, with land and appurtenances, one of brick on the easterly side, one of wood on the westerly side of the land belonging to, and on which the Institute Hall is located, | 1,200 00 |
| | <hr/> \$92,142 50 |

6th, The Peabody Institute Hall and Land with the Library, Busts,
Portraits and cabinets of other valuables, situate on Main
street, South Danvers,—not appraised pecuniarily.

SOUTH DANVERS, February 26, 1868.

GEORGE OSBORNE,

Treasurer of Trustees.

THE "EBEN DALE SUTTON FUND" OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.

Endowed by MRS. ELIZA SUTTON, of South Danvers; accepted by and under the personal auspices of GEORGE PEABODY, Esq., of London, on the 15th of October A. D. 1866.

1867.

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| Jan'y 29th, 20 Boston City 5 per cent. gold bearing bonds, of \$1,000 each, | Fund, \$20,000 00 |
| April 6th, By 20 coupons, gold, at 25 each | \$500 00 |
| Sold at 133, | 165 00 |
| | <hr/> \$665 00 |
| October 1, By 20 coupons, gold, at 25 each, | 500 00 |
| Sold at 144 $\frac{1}{2}$, | 222 50 |
| | <hr/> 722 50 |
| | <hr/> Product \$1387 50 |

SOUTH DANVERS, February 26, 1868.

GEORGE OSBORNE,

Treasurer of Trustees of Peabody Institute.

"PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND,"

In trust of the Trustees of Peabody Institute in South Danvers.

Endowment of GEO. PEABODY, Esq., of London, a native of South Danvers,

For the benefit of scholars of the Peabody High School,

VIZ :

1867.

Aug. 5th. Received of GEORGE PEABODY, Esq., of London, by the hands of George P. Russell, Esq., of Salem, Mass., a donation of two thousand dollars, viz :

2 U. S. of America 5 per cent. 10-40 bonds numbered 10482, 10483, for \$1,000 each, payable in interest coupons semi-annually on 1st of Sept. 1867, to March 1st, 1904—"Act of March 3d, 1864, the income to be appropriated by the Trustees of the Peabody Institute for providing Medals for distinguished Graduates of the Peabody High School,

Fund, \$2,000 00

1868.

Jan. 11, By 2 coupons, gold, at 25
Sold at 137 $\frac{1}{2}$,

\$50 00
18 87

Product, \$68 87

SOUTH DANVERS, Feb. 26, 1868.

GEORGE OSBORNE,

Treasurer of Trustees of Peabody Institute.

DR. ENLARGEMENT OF PEABODY INSTITUTE.

1867.

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| April 18. | To paid C. D. Howard, printer, for circulars and contract papers, | \$24 00 |
| May 4. | To paid Simeon Flint, contractor, mason, | 1,000 00 |
| 14. | To paid Chas. G. Folsom, do carpenter, | 1,000 00 |
| June 18. | To paid S. Flint, do mason, | 4,000 00 |
| July 1. | To paid C. G. Folsom, do carpenter, | 2,140 00 |
| 25. | To paid S. Flint, do mason, | 3,552 00 |
| Aug. 23. | To paid C. G. Folsom, do carpenter, | 1,000 00 |
| 27. | To paid S. Flint, do mason, | 3,448 00 |
| Oct. 12. | To paid C. G. Folsom, do carpenter, | 1,264 00 |
| 18. | To paid G. J. F. Bryant, architect, | 1,000 00 |
| 21. | To paid S. Flint, do mason, | 3,000 00 |
| Nov. 16. | To paid C. G. Folsom, do carpenter, | 1,220 00 |
| Dec. 30. | To paid J. H. Merrill, for granite buttresses &c., for portico front, | 592 77 |

1868.

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| Jan. 3. | To paid S. Flint, | mason, | 3,000 00 |
| 10. | To paid C. G. Folsom, | carpenter, | 1,500 00 |
| 11. | To paid John Carew for wrought free stone for portico, | | 1,540 00 |
| 15. | To paid Munroe & Arnold, freight of iron safe door, | | 6 14 |
| 22. | To paid Aqueduct Co. 78 ft 6. in. pipe at 95—\$74 10 | | |
| | 31 1-2 lbs. 3 in. quarter turns, &c. | 2 39— | 76 49 |
| Feb. 13. | To paid Munroe & Arnold, freight of iron safe, sky window, &c., | | 31 25 |
| Jan. 30. | To paid J. O. Whitten, amount of contract for heating Halls, including 2 new, and repair of 1 old furnace, pipes, registers, labor, &c. | | 870 00 |

Amount to acc't current, \$30,264 65

E. E. Feb. 26th, 1868.

GEORGE OSBORNE,

Treasurer of Trustees of Peabody Institute.

Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:

In submitting the report of the Lyceum and Library Committee for the year ending February, 1868, I beg leave to call your special attention to the accompanying documents, viz: the detailed reports of the officers and Sub-Committees.

These reports constitute a full and minute record of our doings. They put in a permanent form much valuable information, and contain various suggestions of interest and importance touching the management of the different departments of the Institution. They faithfully expose such evils as experience has brought to light, and point out the corresponding remedies, for the benefit and guidance of those who may be our successors in the same responsible trusts.

You will perceive, gentlemen, that although our oper-

ations have been considerably obstructed, while the building has been in the hands of the workmen for additions and alterations, yet the Institute has by no means been stationary during the year just closed. We have, at most, only paused to take breath, and gather fresh strength for new endeavors in the good cause which our benefactor has so entirely at heart, and which he has, both by his written and spoken words, impressed upon the Peabody Institute as the fundamental law of its being, and that cause is the "spread of knowledge and morality" among mankind.

It is true that the record of the Lecture department is one of complete suspension, for the reason just stated; but while we write we are happy to report, that the Hall has again been opened to our citizens, enlarged, improved and beautified, and a short course of three lectures will complete the year. We are much gratified to say that, if the experience of one evening did not deceive us, the excellent acoustic properties of the Hall have not materially suffered by the changes it has undergone. To have safely passed through the ordeal in a point of the highest importance, and to have escaped the fate of so many halls designed for public speaking, argues well for the skill of the architect, and we take much pleasure in acknowledging it in this place.

We are unwilling to leave the subject of lectures, without seizing the opportunity which their suspension for the past season affords, to speak of their importance in our system. Previous reports have referred to their

kindly social influence upon our citizens, to the amount of instruction they often contain, to the incitement they frequently awaken to investigate, by means of our well appointed Library, topics which might otherwise excite no interest; but beyond all this, they do, if we mistake not, largely contribute to fill a gap in our social life, which is sure to be filled in some manner, either for better or worse. It is safe to say that, in their absence, less intellectual and moral recreations are likely to take their place. Considered, then, as mere recreations, they well deserve our fostering care, and fully justify the prominence which has been given to them by Mr. Peabody.

The Library Reports show that the use of books from the library is steadily and largely on the increase, a fact which affords a sure test of undiminished interest among our people, and an unfailing measure of success. A little calculation, based on the population of the place, would easily show, that the same increase of interest may be expected to result in much larger additions to the number of borrowers, and the number of books delivered. This will call for increased facilities in the Library rooms and attendance there. To meet these wants, gentlemen, we look to the additions you have made to the building, and to the expected increase of income from the funds lately placed in your hands. It would be the height of our ambition to be able to throw open our doors every week day of the year, to furnish conveniences for special study within our walls, as suggested in the Library Committee's report, after the man-

ner of the Athenæum of Boston, or the Astor of New York. Whether we shall be able to make any, and, if so, how near approach to these desirable ends, perhaps, cannot now be determined. It is evident that the increase in the items of incidental expenses, which are subsidiary, but still necessary, cannot but be considerable. And then, too, it will be remembered that the annuity of twelve hundred dollars, hitherto making a part of our income, has now ceased, or rather the capital fund which it represented, forms a part of Mr. Peabody's last donation. At all events, the increased size of the main library room is a much needed improvement, and in many ways it will be rendered more convenient for use, and more attractive to visitors.

We have reserved the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library, as the last, but by no means the least interesting topic of this report. The Committee had anticipated that the duty would devolve upon them of taking the first steps, before the close of the past year, in the inauguration of this new and important department of the Institute. But several considerations have prevented this being done, the chief of which is that the room which the donation requires to be specially set apart for its accommodation, and in which, by a wise provision, the books belonging to it *must* be deposited and "kept," is not yet completed. It was also certain that we must give up, for a time at least, the Library room hitherto in use, while the alterations were going on.

We have not failed, however, to reflect with much in-

terest and solicitude upon the fitting methods of discharging this duty, when the time for doing so shall arrive, and upon the capabilities of the new Library, in connection with the one already so long established, for future usefulness. We seek for light upon the first point by turning to the communications of the generous lady, the author of this endowment, to yourselves. And we find there that "in making this gift, it is not her wish to trespass upon the ground already so successfully occupied by the present library for circulation," but "that the books purchased for it shall be of enduring value, and such only as are desirable and indispensable for the use of scholars." And again, that the income off the fund to be passed to the credit of this Committee, "shall be by them wholly expended in the purchase of books of practical and enduring value, together with charts, maps, diagrams, models and such other helps to the acquisition of knowledge, as are to be found in the best libraries established for the use of students and scholars; and in defraying such incidental expenses as may become necessary for the preservation and perpetuation of the books and apparatus constituting the library; and for no other purpose." What particular course is to be pursued, within the limits of which the above extracts are a fair outline, is a subject for the wisdom of future Committees. The field is ample, and will call for their best and most unstinted efforts. The age is prolific in works, the results of the highest scholarship, and extending to all departments of mental, moral and physical

science. From these may be selected at first, such as seem to meet more immediate wants.

But although the number of students and scholars in our community, fitted by education and tastes to pursue the higher branches of learning and science, may now be small, we are not to suppose that this will always be the case. As trade seeks the great centres of business, so where the treasures of knowledge are found, there the votaries of science most do congregate, and the law of demand and supply reigns in intellectual as well as in political economy. And where could a happier spot be found for the establishment of such an institution as this may become, than in this ancient corner of this ancient Commonwealth, a community which, from the first, has well nigh led the continent in all that promotes civilization and refinement. Our history of struggles with rugged nature for bare existence belong to a time long since passed, and in society age brings with it its own privileges and its own opportunities, and, we may add, its own duties.

Thus we see that these two libraries will become the exact complements of each, both forming a harmonious whole. The elder library performs the office assigned it by its founder, in immediately reaching the citizens at large, and satisfying their first mental cravings, the other by creating and forming scholars will become more remotely but not less surely an educator of the people. Every child in town knows, or ought to know the story of Nathaniel Bowditch, who passed some of his early years

in the little cottage standing on Central street. Without the aid of books, for which he was indebted to the library of the Salem Athenæum, he might never have attained that eminence, which reflected honor upon his country even abroad. Truly our lines have fallen in pleasant places, when so great advantages are brought to our very door, without money and without price.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. STIMPSON,

Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

Report of the Library Committee.

The Library Committee find but little to add, in relation to the work of the Library for the past year, to what has already been presented in the report of the Librarian.

The Librarian, carefully watchful of the interests of the Library and attentive to the calls of visitors, has performed the duties of his office with great fidelity. Faithful and attentive assistants have been provided. So far as the latter are concerned a decided improvement has been made. The fault of employing assistants too young to appreciate the importance of prompt attention

to the calls for books has been remedied. The improvement thus begun should be continued. The Committee desire that persons calling for books should be supplied as quickly as possible, and, so far as they have observed, this has been the case during the past year.

The new library room now nearly completed, will, when added to the present room, furnish excellent accommodations. It is desirable, in order that the Library may become as useful and available as possible, that some room or department of the large room should be arranged for a reading room. This is desirable, not only for the reading of Periodicals but for the accommodation of those who seek information on special topics.

Persons cannot be allowed without restriction as heretofore to go behind the railing to select their books but must be furnished by the assistants. But, as already suggested in the report of the Librarian, those having a special purpose in view, seeking information on a particular topic, and not knowing in what book the information can be found, may, within certain limits, be allowed to examine the different works relating to that subject. The chief value of the Library to many persons consists in their being allowed this privilege. Many of these desire to spend some time in the examination of reference books, many of which cannot be taken from the Library; and unless some room is provided where books of this class can be examined, without interruption to the reader, the most valuable portion of the Library will be useless. The same room can also be used for the reading of Periodicals.

The funds placed at the disposal of the Committee has enabled them to purchase most of the desirable popular works published during the year, together with

quite a considerable number of the more valuable standard works. But the expense of maintaining the Library will be increased. As it becomes still more attractive to our citizens, so will the call for books be correspondingly increased, and the expense of rebinding old and supplying new books will be greater than heretofore ; and a larger appropriation will probably be required.

No one familiar with the working of the Library can fail to perceive its great worth to our citizens, as he watches from year to year the growing interest manifested by all classes. This is especially shown by the increased number of borrowers of books and of visitors. That the Library has been an educator of the people, of all who have availed themselves of its privileges, no one can for a moment doubt. Among a large class, and especially among the younger portion, a vast amount of information on a great variety of subjects has been diffused. And, although boys and girls usually acquire a taste for reading by the reading of novels, which if they are of the right sort are useful in many ways, a large number will soon seek still more instructive reading. An interest is created in some department of History or Science, and here are found the best and newest works on whatever subject has engaged the attention ; and such works as are adapted to the time and convenience of each individual ; either the brief manual or the more elaborate work. If, for instance, one desires to read the history of Greece he will find the " Smaller History of Greece," or a somewhat large work " The Student's Greece ; " or, if he desire to read a thoroughly exhaustive and detailed work he will find the great work of Grote. So in every department of History and of Science all are furnished with whatever suits their taste

or time. In this way the Library has been and will continue to be an educator of the people. And its work in this respect cannot be measured. The young men and women who make good use of its advantages will carry with them wherever they may go, some portions of its usefulness, and will themselves be the better fitted to become good and useful members of society.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

AMOS MERRILL, *Chairman.*

Report of the Lyceum Committee.

The Lyceum Committee beg leave to report that, owing to the changes made in the Hall, they were unable to have any lectures in the winter months, and, cancelled all engagements with lecturers for those months.

They have, however, made provision for three or four lectures in the month of March, ensuing.

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| HENRY A. HARDY, | } <i>Committee.</i> |
| A. L. PEIRSON, | |
| JOHN B. CLEMENT, | |
| JOHN PINDER, | |
| J. W. UPTON, | |

SOUTH DANVERS, February 27, 1868.

Librarian's Report.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

That there has been no abatement, but rather an increase of public interest in the Library, is evident from the fact that the delivery of books the last year, has been greater than ever before. Although the number delivered the previous year was unprecedented in the history of the Library, amounting in that year to 24,428, we find that in the year ending with last July, the circulation has come up to 26,549, an increase of 2,121 volumes. This must be regarded as gratifying, so far as the library is an agency for the supply of the means of rational entertainment and intellectual cultivation, to our population.

The whole number of Books in the Library as recorded on the Accession Catalogue, amounts at this date to 12,381, an increase, if we include the twenty-five bound volumes of periodicals, over last year of 562.

The operations of the Library in its circulation of books, have necessarily been interrupted for a time on account of the work of enlargement of the building.

It was kept open to the public to September 17th, the latest period consistent with the work of removing the wall between the library room and the addition, so that insufficient time was allowed to call in the books. They were consequently left in the hands of the holders until the progress of the work on the front portico permitted the use of that entrance to the building. The Library was re-opened on Wednesday, December 16th, and it is believed that all or nearly all of the books then in the hands of borrowers have been since returned. This interruption was borne with commendable patience by the public, as its necessity was manifest, and no other course remained to be pursued. The temporary partition put up in place of the brick wall which was removed, has been of good service in preventing much of the dust caused by the demolition of the wall, from entering the room. With all the care of the workmen and the efforts of the faithful janitor to prevent it, clouds of dust have filled the room and settled upon the books. They will require a thorough cleaning before their re-arrangement in the enlarged room. The erection of the partition referred to, so far limited the shelf room, that about a thousand volumes of books least in demand for circulation, were removed to the ante-rooms where they now remain. Many others have also been stowed away in the library room out of their proper places. The progress of the work at this time on the enlargement, warrants the belief that in a very short time all the books may be placed in good order in the more spacious and convenient apartment designed for them.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the nuisance formerly complained of, of writing in the books with pencils, has so far abated that cases of the kind have

become extremely rare. Every effort in future should be made to prevent a recurrence of the evil, by fines or forfeiture of the privileges of the Library.

It is found by every year's experience, that the cost of keeping the books in repair, is constantly increasing. As the library grows older, more of the books give out. Books but little used, but which have been on the shelves a dozen years, begin to show signs of wear as well as those of later date which are in constant demand, and every year adds to the number requiring the services of the book binder. It is a fair subject of complaint against publishers, that their books are so poorly bound. They are so loosely put together that sometimes they will break away at the first opening. This complaint has long been made by libraries and by individuals, and the only remedy for the evil that appears feasible, is to adopt the German practice of buying books in sheets and having them afterwards bound in accordance with the taste and wants of the purchaser.

The number of strangers from abroad who have recorded their names as visitors during the year is five hundred and nineteen. These do not include all who have called, as many go away without recording their names. When it is remembered that the library was closed during the usual season of travel, and that all the most valued of the Peabody testimonials were removed from the building, it evinces much interest in the Institute by people abroad, that so many have recorded their names in our visitors album. We may safely anticipate very large accessions to this list of visitors when the room shall be opened with its new attractions.

Much annoyance has been experienced the last year, as heretofore, by the large number of frequenters of the

library who have been permitted to come within the enclosure in search of books. Without intending it, these visitors, by occupying positions at the cases containing books most in demand, are often in the way of the assistants and obstruct the search and delivery of books to outside applicants. Some of them by carelessness and inattention to the numbers, frequently misplace the books, which are thus lost to future search, perhaps until the annual examination of the library. With every desire to afford proper facilities to all in the selection of books, and freely admitting that investigations may be more expeditiously made by seeing the titles than by consulting the catalogues, it is very evident that *all* cannot be permitted this privilege. It belongs of right to the Trustees and other members of the Government of the Institute, and if the request is properly made, it may be extended as a privilege to any one who, at the time, has a consistent purpose of literary research, or it may be denied at those times when circumstances forbid its exercise. The presence for a short time of a limited number, who have a determinate object in view and who have the politeness and discretion to avoid obstructing the delivery of books, need not be objected to except on the ground of partiality. Class distinctions should not be recognized in a Free Library by any one entrusted with discretion in its administration. The great desideratum to be attained is, the greatest facility of obtaining the books, and the way to make the library the most useful to the largest number of citizens. Since there must be restraint of some kind for the very preservation of the Library, its irksomeness ought to be borne cheerfully for the greatest good of the greatest number.

The following is a list of the Donations to the library during the year :

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| SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, | 4 volumes. |
| Rev. JOSEPH TRACY, D.D., Boston, | 1 " |
| JOHN R. SOUTHWICK, Lowell, | 1 " |
| BENJ. C. PERKINS, | 6 " |
| JOHN S. HAYES, | 1 " |
| BENJ. F. BUTLER, Lowell, | 7 " |
| EMILY EATON, | 2 " |
| BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, | 1 " |
| JOHN W. STEVENS, | 5 " |
| H. McCULLOCH, | 2 " |
| JOHN B. ALLEY, | 2 " |
| Rev. WM. ALLEN, D.D., | 1 " |
| E. B. ELLIOTT, Washington, | 1 " |
| Hon. J. J. BABSON, Gloucester, | 1 " |
| Dept. of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, Chicago, | 3 " |
| HENRY BILL, Norwich, Connecticut, | 1 " |

In the new arrangement of the books in the enlarged room, it may be well to make such a separation of the books most required for reference from those in more active circulation. By arranging the former on the higher shelves, the latter will be so placed that they may be more accessible to the assistants.

At the usual examination of the library in July the number of books in a damaged condition was found to be much less than the preceding year. This was owing to the practice adopted of sending such books more promptly to the binder before they become greatly dilapidated. This is considered better for the preservation of the books and on the whole more economical. The number of books lost or not accounted for is eleven.

Respectly submitted,

F. POOLE, *Librarian.*

Library & Lyceum Com. in account with G. A. Osborne Treasurer.

| 1867 | | Dr. |
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| Feb. 7, | Paid S. B. Ives, for binding, | \$39 90 |
| 9, | " Wm. S. Osborn, services at Institute, | 11 00 |
| 15, | " D. S. Littlefield, services at Institute, | 11 00 |
| 15, | " For 2 mos. ser., ending April 1, of Librarian and Assist's. | 83 33 |
| June 12, | " R. W. Wilkinson, for periodicals, | 54 00 |
| July 10, | " Jonathan Perley's bill for binding, | 26 37 |
| 12, | " G. A. Silfversten, for History of the Bible, | 4 00 |
| 12, | " J. H. Grout, | 3 75 |
| 12, | " One copy of Am. Naturalist for 1867, | 3 00 |
| 12, | " H. A. Brooks, for binding, | 42 84 |
| 12, | " E. Littlefield, | 2 35 |
| 18, | " E. P. Dutton & Co., for books, | 130 41 |
| 18, | " E. P. Dutton & Co., for books, | 134 11 |
| 18, | " Nichols & Noyes, for books, | 68 04 |
| Aug. 2, | " Frank Upton, Assistant Librarian, | 8 33 |
| 2, | " Fitch Poole, Librarian, | 200 00 |
| 7, | " J. H. Frye, Assistant Librarian, | 8 33 |
| 14, | " Chas. D. Howard, for printing, | 13 50 |
| Oct. 2, | " For Stationery, | 2 84 |
| 2, | " Librarian, for services, | 200 00 |
| 9, | " R. P. Haines, for Ledger, | 9 00 |
| 9, | " E. P. Dutton & Co., for books, | 115 74 |
| 18, | " Assistant Librarian, | 8 33 |
| Dec. 6, | " 1 copy of Life in the Holy Land, | 4 00 |
| 6, | " Jonathan Perley, for binding, | 28 85 |
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| Jan. 15, | " 1 copy of Boys in Blue, | 3 25 |
| 16, | " Librarian, for services, | 200 00 |
| 16, | " Postage, | 6 80 |
| 16, | " D. H. Townsend, | 18 30 |
| 16, | " Chas. D. Howard's bill for printing, | 7 25 |
| 16, | " H. A. Brooks, for binding, | 91 94 |
| 16, | " E. P. Dutton & Co., for books, | 21 72 |
| 17, | " Chas. Simonds' bills, | 12 00 |
| 23, | " Frank Upton, for services, | 5 55 |
| 30, | " Nichols & Noyes' bill for books, | 103 15 |
| Feb. 18, | " Chas. Scribner & Co., for books, | 34 03 |
| 18, | " N. J. Bartlett, for books, | 10 20 |
| 18, | " Fitch Poole's bill for sundries, | 12 23 |
| 24, | " Chas. Scribner & Co., for books, | 35 60 |
| 24, | " E. Littlefield's bill, | 3 90 |
| 24, | " W. H. Piper & Co., for books, | 81 38 |
| | Balance, | 1,209 62 |
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| Feb. By Balance, | \$13 99 |
| Mch. 20, By draft on Treasurer of Trustees, | 200 00 |
| July 17, By draft on Treasurer of Trustees, | 1,400 00 |
| 1868. | |
| Jan. 21, By draft on Treasurer of Trustees, | 1,400 00 |
| Feb. 18, By received for Fines, | 51 45 |
| Feb. 18, By received for Catalogues, | 4 50 |
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| | \$3,069 94 |
| By balance, | 1,209 62 |
| G. A. OSBORNE, <i>Secretary of Lyceum and Library Committee.</i> | |

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

| | Dr. |
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| Paid for books, | \$820 38 |
| Paid for Binding, | 233 15 |
| Paid Librarian and Assistants, | 713 87 |
| Paid for Printing, | 20 75 |
| Paid for express hire, | 22 05 |
| Paid Wm. S. Osborn and E. Littlefield, for services, | 28 25 |
| Paid for stationery, postage and incidental expenses, | 21 87 |
| Balance, | 1,209 62 |
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| By Balance, | \$13 99 |
| By drafts on Treasurer of Trustees, | 3,000 00 |
| By received for fines and catalogues, | 55 95 |
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| | \$3,069 94 |
| By Balance, | 1,209 62 |
| G. A. OSBORGE, <i>Secretary.</i> | |